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Book I, Part IV

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by Imperial cruelty, there is little hope for the future. But for those operating on the fringes there is potential for profit.

Rogue archaeologist Aphra is back to retrieving rare artifacts while teamed with a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan. Aphra's plans are suspended, however, when her estranged father gets her doctorate revoked as a method of blackmailing her to join his search for the mysterious Ordu Aspectu.

Now, Aphra and her father are on an isolated moon swarming with stormtroopers when they stumble upon an ancient temple. But when they unlock its secrets they only have mere seconds to escape Imperial notice....

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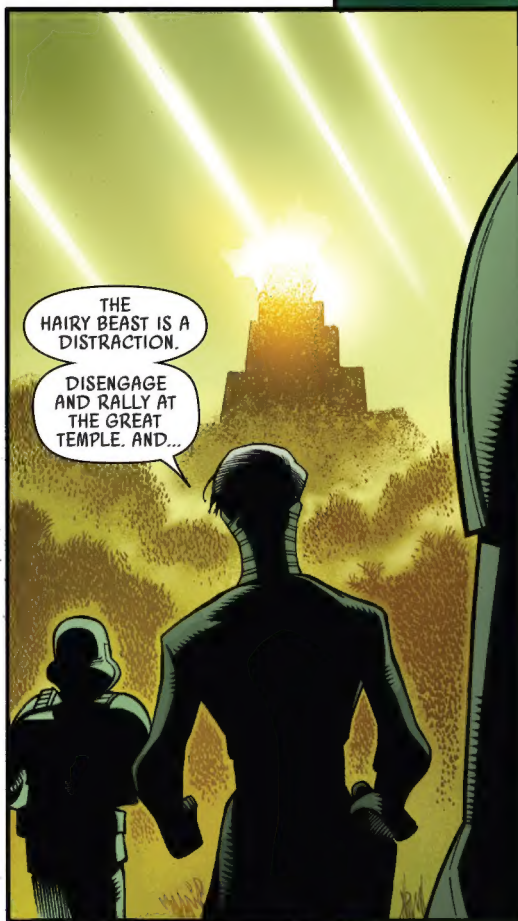
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YAVIN 4.



HMPH.





ENOUGH
STARING,
DAD.
WE
HAVE TO
GO.

I'M NOT STARING.
I WAS STARING *EARLIER*
AT THE UNCOVERED WONDER.
NOW I'M GATHERING
READINGS.

...I *WAS*
EXPECTING
IT TO BE
SMALLER...

I PRESUMED
THE SCALE OF
THE DEVICE IN MY
RESEARCH WAS
A TRANSLATION
ERROR.

SEEMINGLY
NOT.



AND...
COMPLETE.
BEETEE,
TELL KRRSANTAN
WE'RE LEAVING.
GET THE ARK
ANGEL READY.

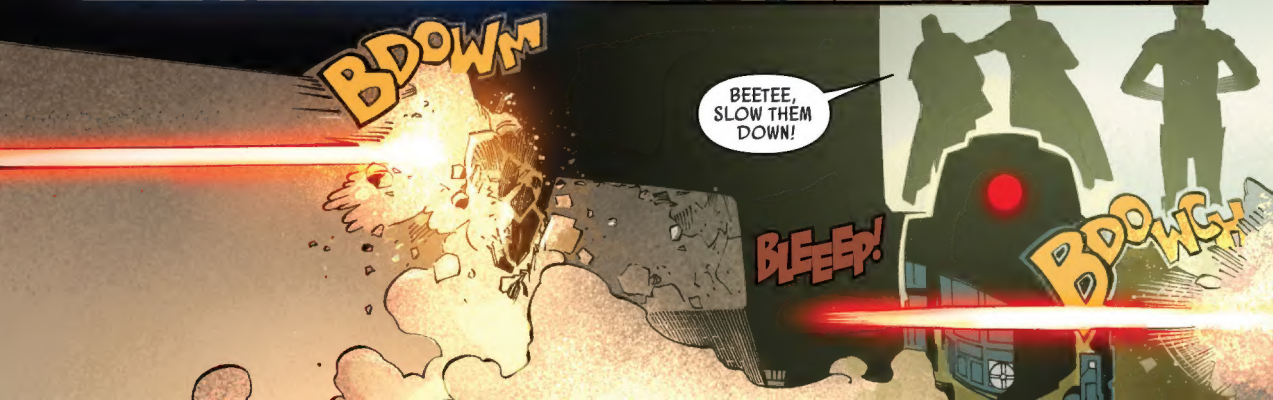


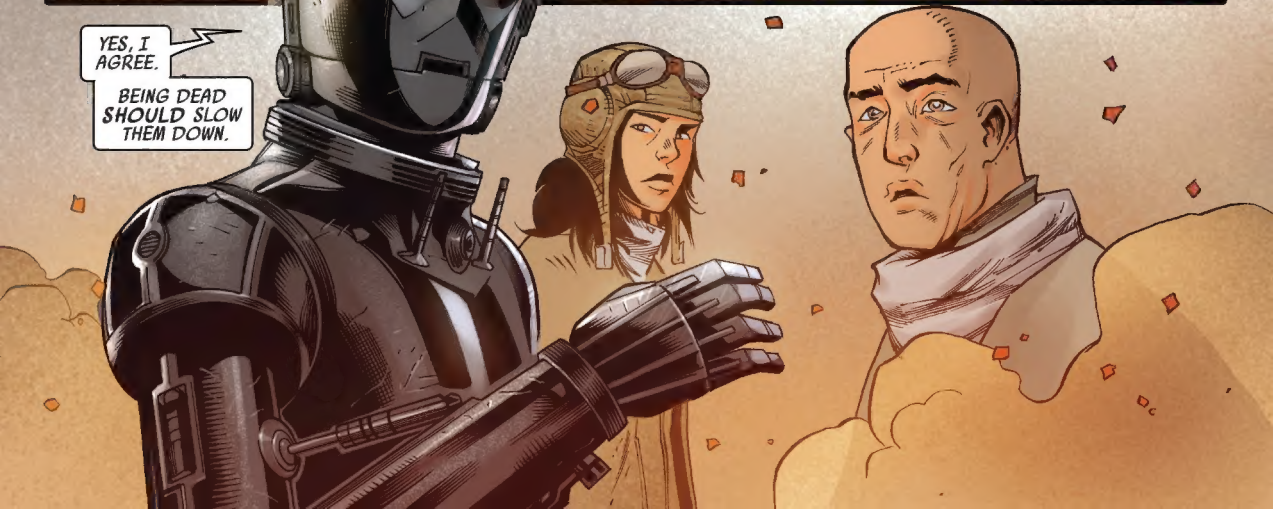
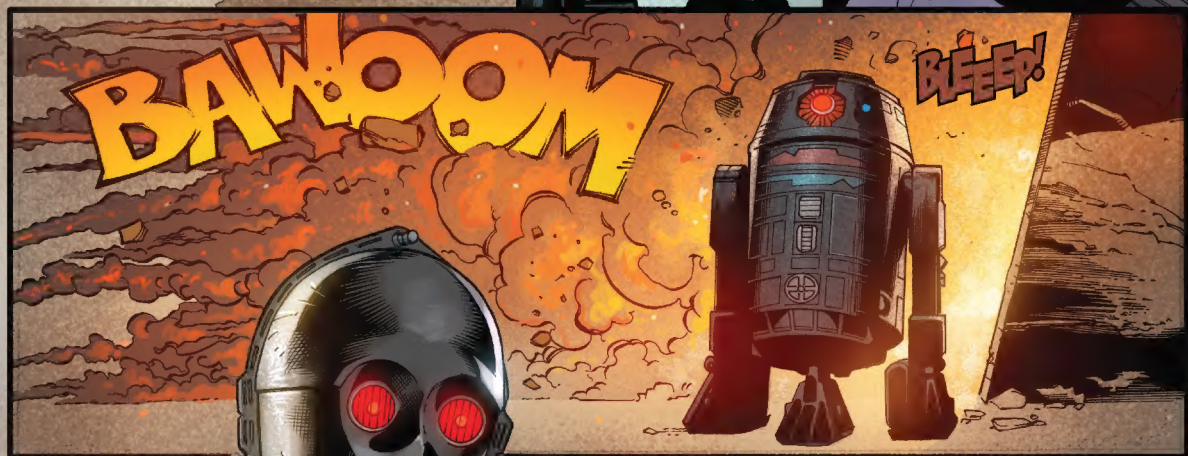
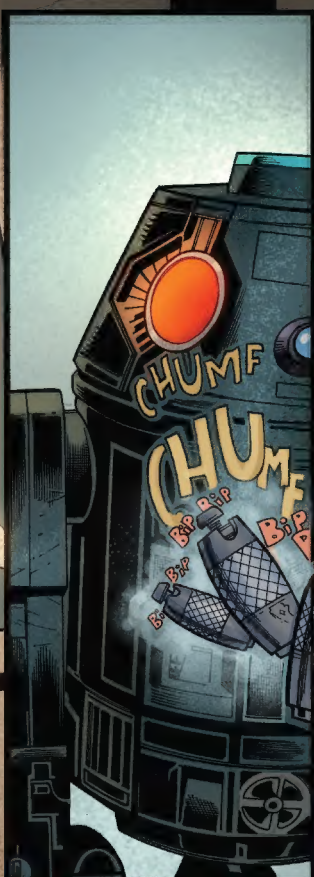
HOW
LONG DO
WE HAVE?

DEPENDS
HOW COMPETENT
THE OFFICERS
ARE.

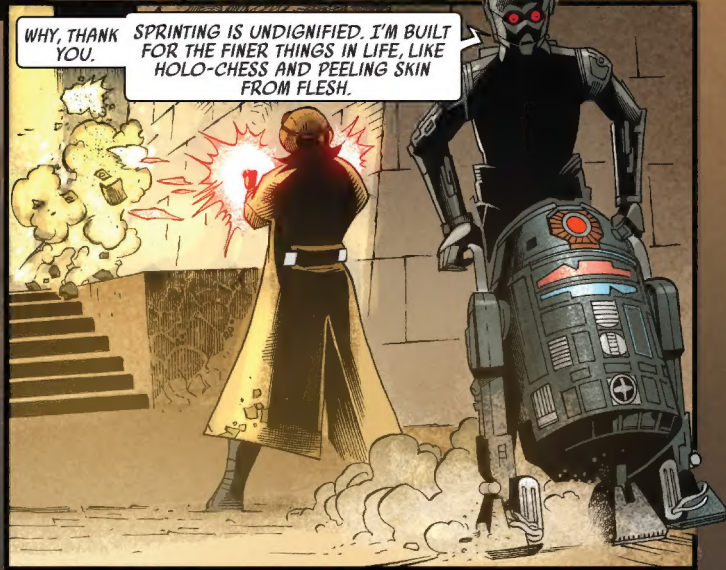
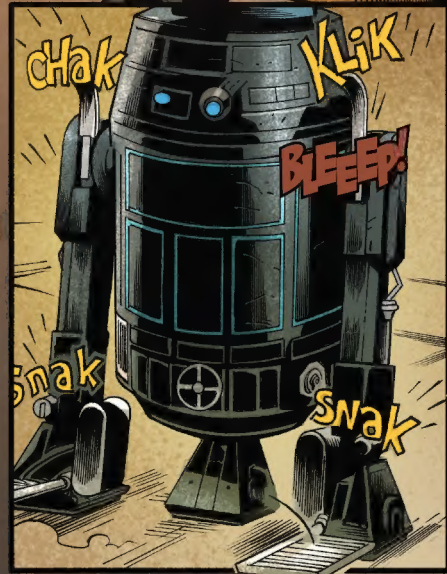
WITH LUCK
WE SHOULD
HAVE ANOTHER
MINUTE BEFORE
WE RUN INTO
ANY--

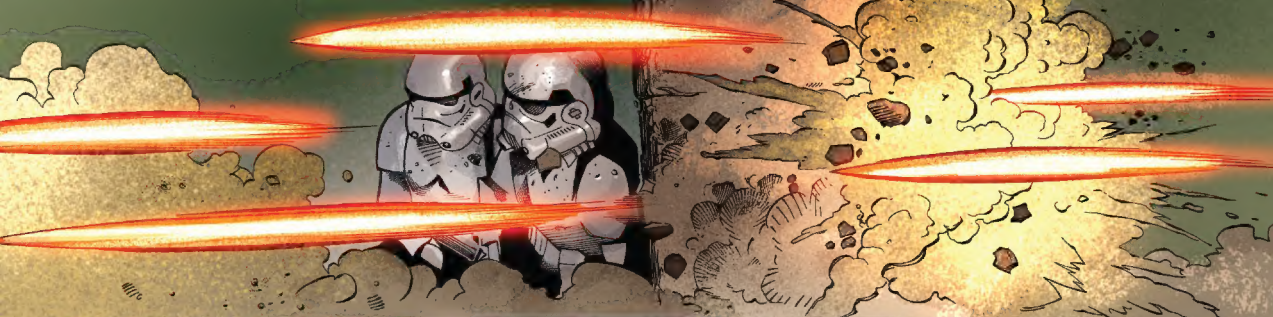
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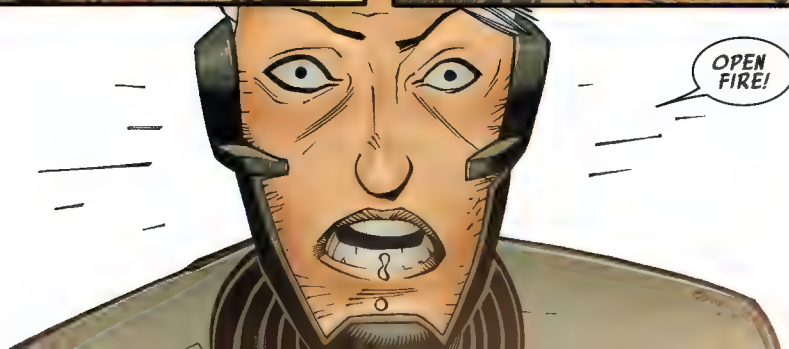


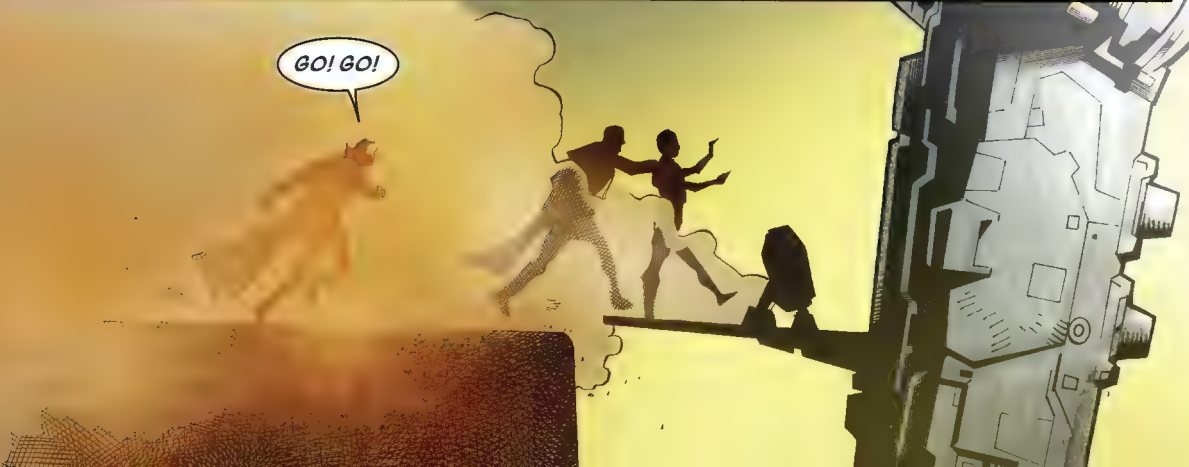
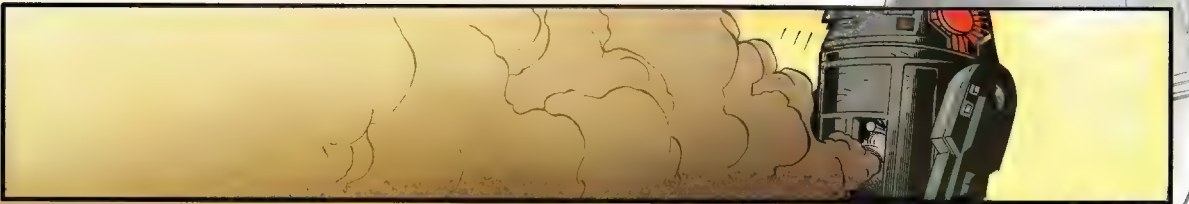
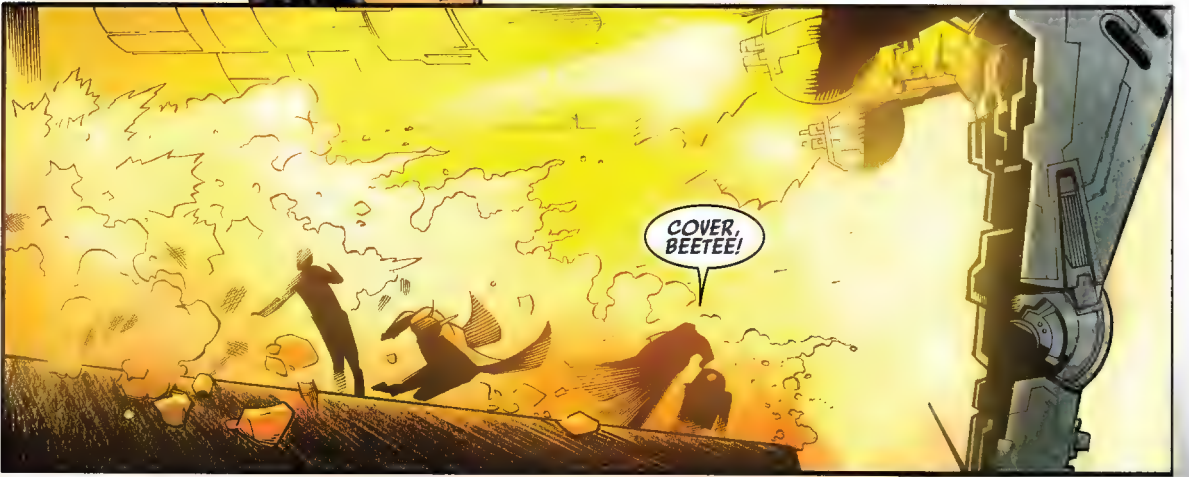
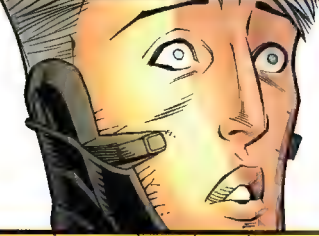












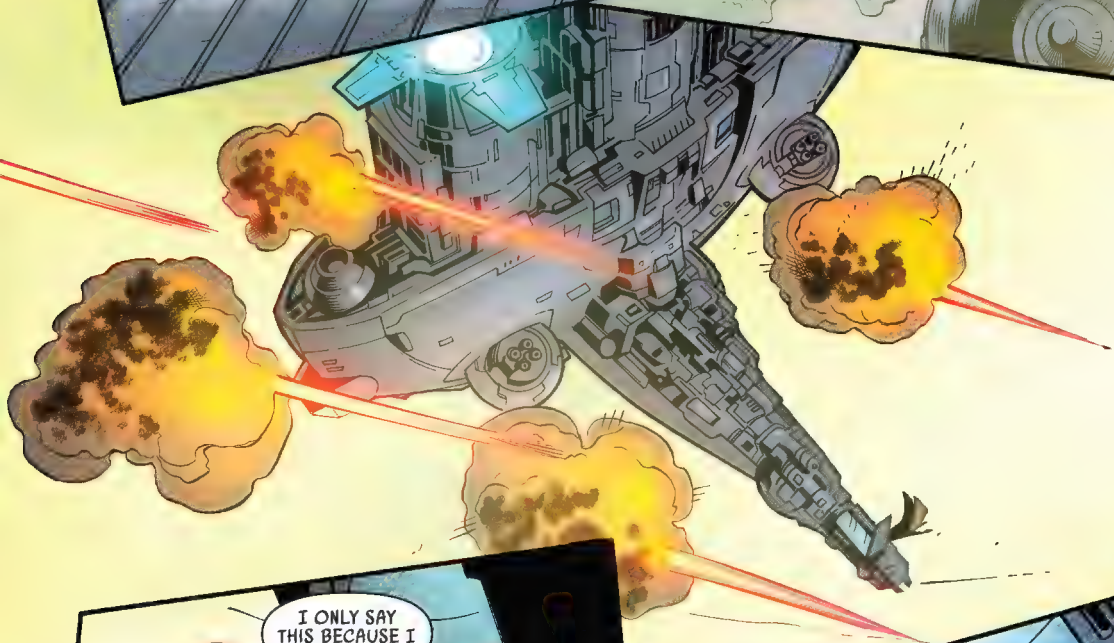
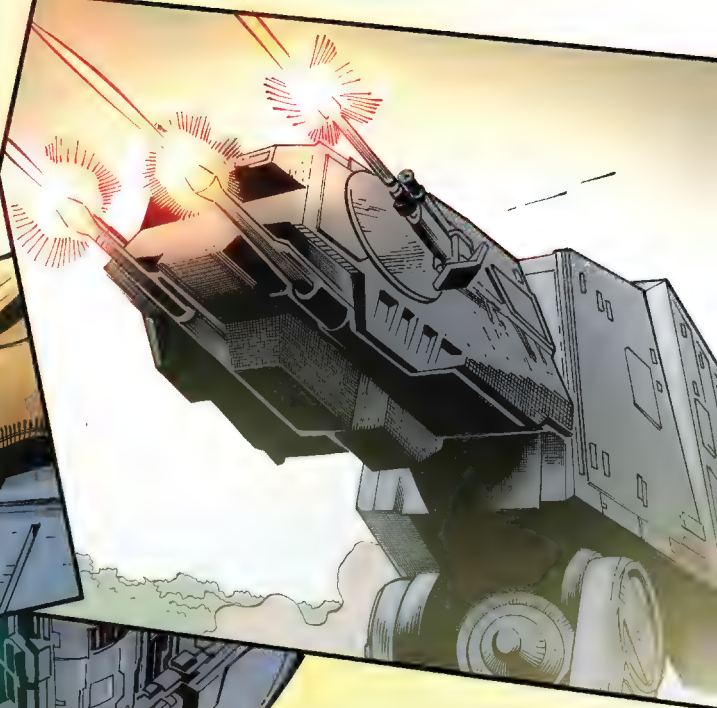


GET US
OUT OF...

...HERE.

YOU KNOW,
SOMETIMES...

...I HATE
MY JOB.



I ONLY SAY
THIS BECAUSE I
LOVE YOU...



...BUT IF YOU HAD
STAYED AWAY FROM
THE FIELDWORK, YOU'D
BE ON THE TENURE
TRACK BY NOW.

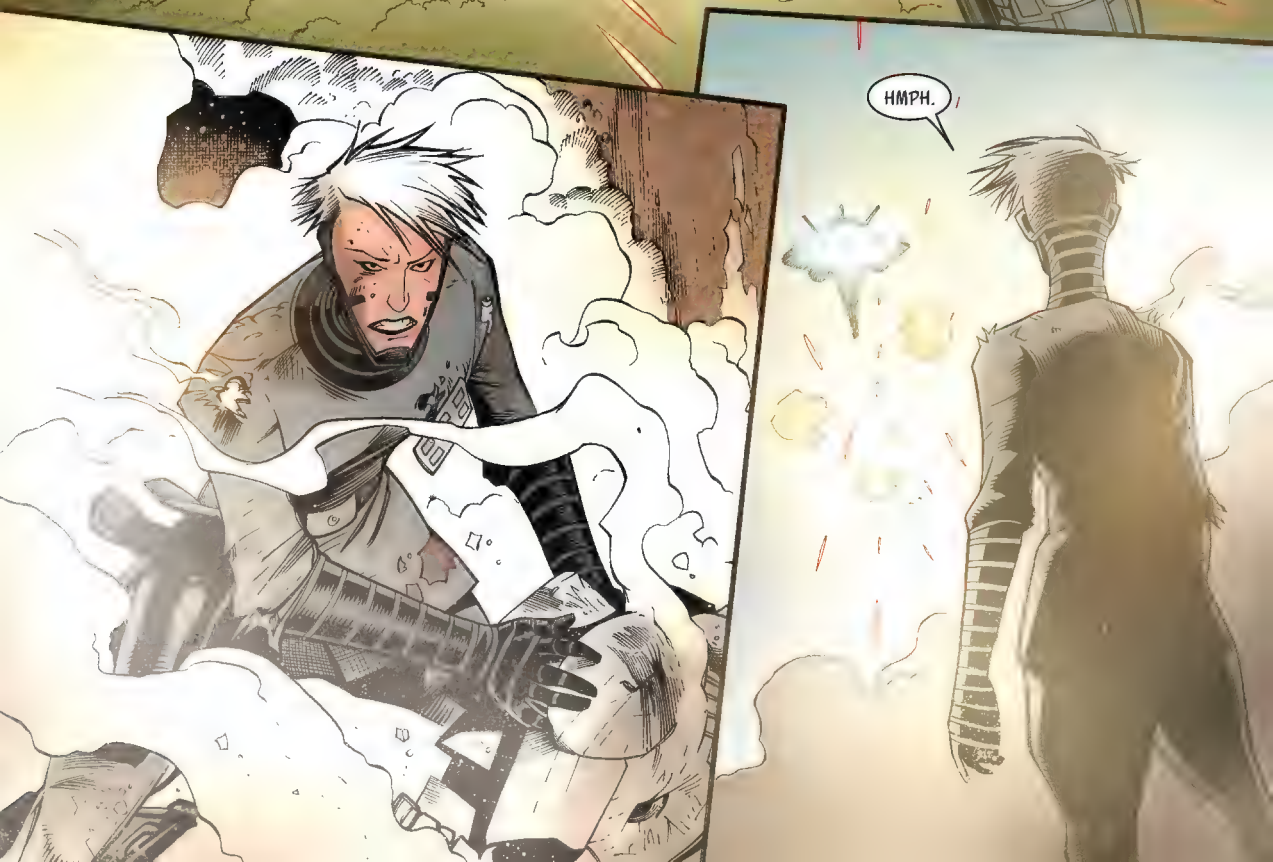




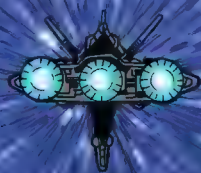
GEGRRRRHHHH!

YEAH, YEAH.
JUST ADD IT
TO MY TAB.

GET US
OUT OF HERE
KRRSANTAN!



HMPH.





WELL,
CAPTAIN
TOLVAN.

WHAT DO
YOU HAVE TO
REPORT?

A SMALL
RAID, ADMIRAL
OZZEL.
POSSIBLY
REBELS.

IT'S A GOOD SIGN.
REBEL ACTIVITIES TO
DISRUPT OUR OPERATIONS
HERE MAY IMPLY THERE'S
SOMETHING THEY LEFT
BEHIND WHEN CLEANING
THEIR BASE.

I SUSPECT YOUR
ACTUALLY FINDING
SOMETHING WOULD BE
A SORE DISAPPOINTMENT
TO THE DEAR DEPARTED
GENERAL TAGGE...

SO, ALL THIS
EFFORT PICKING
OVER A DESERTED
TEMPLE MAY NOT
HAVE BEEN A
COMPLETE WASTE
OF MY TIME.

WE ALL KNOW
THAT AFTER THE MESS
YOU MADE WITH SECURITY
ON EADU THIS WAS MEANT
TO BE A PUNISHMENT
DUTY.



ANY
DETAILS ON THE
REBELS?

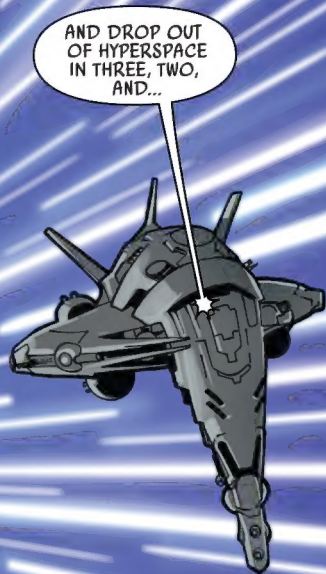


PRELIMINARY
DATA.



NOTHING
WORTH
SHARING.





AND DROP OUT
OF HYPERSPACE
IN THREE, TWO,
AND...



OH.

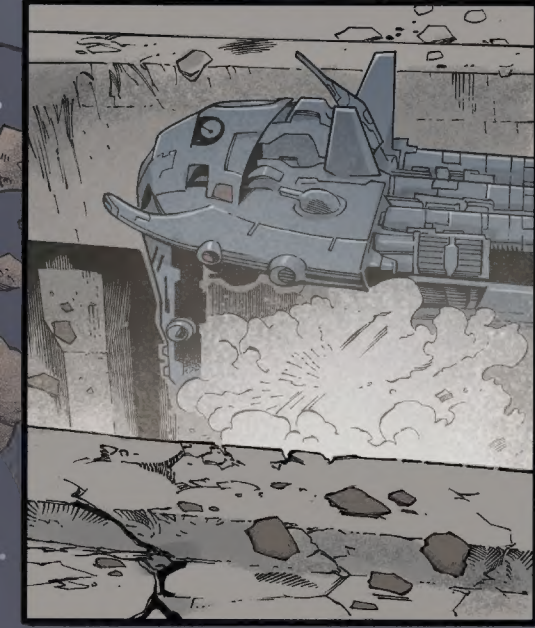


IS IT
EVERYTHING
YOU WERE
HOPING
FOR?



I...I DON'T
KNOW. I ONLY
REALIZE NOW,
WHAT I REALLY
WANTED.

JUST ONE
THING.





...THIS IS ABOUT AS REAL AS IT GETS.

DOCTOR APHRA

NEXT ISSUE:



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away
is a lot easier to get to than you think -
and we want to hear from you!

Write us at StarWars@Marvel.com if
you want to make it onto a future letters
page. Don't forget to mark the letter
"OK TO PRINT."